



Minutes of the Barrington Hills Village Communications Committee Meeting Number 11, May 22, 2006

1. Call to Order

Chairman Beth Mallen called the eleventh meeting to order on May 22, 2006, at 5:35 p.m. in the Barrington Hills Village Hall Training Room.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present:

Beth Mallen, Chairman
Barbara Kemp, Recording Secretary, Member
Vicky Kelly, Member
Maureen Prettyman, Member
Dan Mjolsness, Member

Absent:

Nikki Panos, Member

Resigned: Lucinda Hanover; new member search under way

Walter E. Smithe, Village Trustee, Sponsor
Bob Kosin, Village Administrator, Sponsor
Neal Waltmire, Planning and Zoning Coordinator

Visitors:

Kevin Colosia, Resident and Cellular Technology Subject Matter Expert
Lt. Joe Colditz Member of the Police Force

3. Approval of Minutes

The Commission Members reviewed the Draft March 27 and April 24, 2006 minutes. Dan motioned to accept the amended minutes as Final. Vicky seconded the motion. They will be converted by Barbara and Vicky respectively to Final and sent to Neal Waltmire for posting.

Approved: 5-0-1

4. Updates: Kosin and Smithe

Walter Smithe: Virchow Krause was selected to audit the Village for Fiscal Year 2006.

Joanne Sladek is retiring as Village Treasurer. Trustee George Schueppert will assume the Treasurer's responsibilities until a replacement for Joanne can be found.

Bob Kosin: The Illinois Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act require specific responsibilities for all governmental agencies and their committees. There will be a meeting hosted by the Attorney General's Office for all committee chairpersons. New requirements cover teleconferences and email communications. Beth will attend one of the five sessions and more than one committee member may also attend. There is a new State position whose sole function is compliance, and that person determines if there is a conflict. "Sunshine Week" was held in April and we were in compliance.

Lt. Joe Colditz: The Police Department Open House May 21 was attended by approximately 30 residents.

Old Business

- Newsletter-
 - The Newsletter will be mailed this week. The next Newsletter will be mailed in October. If there is a need for rapid communications before then a special edition will be prepared and released. There was a motion to agree to the October date by Maureen seconded by Vicky. Approved 5-0-1.
- Website - Village and Committee
 - Dan met with the Web Site designer Judith Acino. Her proposal was accepted. The Police Department wants more time to evaluate their decision. Cost will not exceed \$550 for the design. Judith recommends using Dream Weaver software which is user friendly. Dan and Vicky will meet with her this week for training to take over responsibilities. Dan will serve as editor and approve all articles before they are added to the site. The site will have formal guidelines. North Star hosts the site for us. There will be a link to the formal Village website. The Communications Committee website name is www.vbhcomm.info. The general consensus is that the site must be updated frequently and have items on it to attract people to view it often. There will be a count of users for our review. There was also discussion about linking the site to a local webcam location. Other ideas for regular items are residents' horses, homes, gardens and/or pets.
- Technology - Cellular Coverage
 - Bob Kosin, Neal Waltmire, Kevin Colosia, Beth Mallen and Barbara Kemp will hold the second informal cellular carrier meeting May 23. Meetings are confidential and there are no more than two Communications Committee members in attendance at any meeting. Positive information is coming from these meetings. Three more carrier meetings will be held in succession. Once all meetings and results are analyzed, a recommendation for future steps will be made.
 - Resident Kevin Colosia met with a Barrington Hills area Church regarding their interest in hosting a site on their property. This appears to be a lengthy process due to national Church officials' involvement in the decision making process.
 - The Newsletter is being used to keep residents apprised of the activities when there is information to share. The major reason for doing this research is to maintain a high overall communication capability to support the safety and welfare of the residents.
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- Barrington Farms
 - Beth, Bob and Barbara provided a synopsis of recent Duda McHenry County ZBA meetings. The Duda petitioner's team rested their case. There are several Village witnesses left, and the hearings have prescheduled dates through the end of June, each Thursday afternoon in Woodstock in the McHenry County Courthouse, 2200 Seminary starting at 1:30 p.m.

- There are 460 families in McHenry County in the Village. Each resident wishing to speak at the end of the formal testimony will be given three (3) minutes. It is important to have a plan of action and have excellent attendance before the ZBA makes its recommendations to the County Board.

5. New Business

- Barrington Hills 50th Anniversary Party Planning (Session 2)
 - Lucinda Hanover has resigned her position with the Communications Commission. The team is sorry to lose her talents and energy, and we wish her well. Until we hear more from the request Beth is making in the Newsletter for her replacement, this project will move forward at the Chairperson's discretion. Updates:
 - Plan: A week of events targeted in early September 2007
 - Balloon Rides - tethered at an event to view over the Village.
 - The Fox River Grove Balloon Port will host tethered Balloon rides if a contract is negotiated. Estimate is \$3000 and if weather does not permit, the amount can be applied to 15 individual rides at future dates. The draft contract can be provided if this is a viable plan.
 - Special Event License Plates - Officer Colditz mentioned that the Village can request a special events license plate good for up to three (3) months. The Secretary of State provides the plates and the organization sells them. The Police Department would manage the list of names and the mapping to the actual plate numbers which remain in effect. No decision was made.

6. Dismissal:

Beth Mallen entertained a motion for dismissal at 6:35 p.m. The next meeting is on Monday, June 26, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. Vicky motioned and Dan seconded. Motion Approved (5-0-1).

Meeting Adjourned